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SUBJECT: FRASER HEARINGS

1. ACCORDING TO HIRC STAFF MEMBER, FRASER HEARINGS ON KOREA NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAY 20 AND 22 AND JUNE 10 AND 12. PROFESSORS JEROME COHEN OF HARVARD AND GARI LEDYARD OF COLUMBIA WILL TESTIFY MAY 20. FATHER SINNOTT, BRIAN ROBEL OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND DR. FRANZ MICHEL, DIRECTOR OF GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SINO-SOVIET INSTITUTE, WILL APPEAR MAY 22. WITNESSES FOR JUNE HEARINGS NOT YET DETERMINED.

2. BEFORE TODAY'S EMERGENCY MEASURE ANNOUNCEMENT, WE UNDERSTAND CONGRESSMAN FRASER HAD BEEN CONSIDERING INTRODUCING RESOLUTION IN HOUSE ON KOREA. RESOLUTION WOULD REAFFIRM MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY AND US COMMITMENT TO DEFENSE OF KOREA AND WOULD STATE SENSE OF HOUSE THAT "BOTH PARTIES TO TREATY SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO MAINTAIN AND

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STRENGTHEN THE INSTITUTIONS OF DEMOCRACY FOR THE PURPOSE

OF INSURING FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS TO ALL OF THEIR
CITIZENS." WE DO NOT YET HAVE A READING ON HIS REACTION
TO NEW DECREE.

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